

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 61-66 are now present in this application. Claim 61 is independent.

Claims 61-66 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the personal interview which was conducted on April 5, 2011. An Examiner Interview Summary was made of record by the Examiner. During the interview, Applicants' representative presented a proposed amendment to move the "schedule describing unit." The Examiner requested that the preamble be amended to include that the data structure includes a sequence managed by a schedule describing unit, and that the "input operation" be changed to "predetermined editing operation." The Examiner indicated that Ching and Ohba do not disclose a data structure that includes a sequence and do not disclose an editing operation during the sequence.

The claims have been amended in the manner discussed during the interview (as attached to interview Summary mailed April 14, 2011), and are believed to place the application into condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 61-66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This is a new ground of rejection.

Recent policy of the USPTO has recommended that claims directed to computer-readable storage medium be amended to explicitly recite “non-transitory computer-readable storage medium.”

The claims can be amended to recite “A non-transitory computer-readable recording medium.”

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 61-65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 7,260,785 (Ching) in view of U.S. Application Publication 2002/0120701 (Ohba). Further, claim 66 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Ching taken together with Ohba and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,862,372 (Morris). A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action.

As mentioned above, Applicants' representative had presented a proposed amendment for claim 61 that included an amendment to clarify the claimed “schedule describing unit. In addition to the proposed amendment to move the “schedule describing unit,” the Examiner requested that the preamble be amended to include that the data structure includes a sequence managed by a schedule describing unit, and that the “input operation” be changed to “predetermined editing operation.” The Examiner indicated that Ching and Ohba do not disclose a data structure that includes a sequence and do not disclose an editing operation during the sequence.

The claims have been amended in accordance with discussion during the interview. Applicants request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the application be placed in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner believes that further minor amendment may be necessary, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' representative to discuss the further minor amendment.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and

complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **Robert W. Downs**, Registration No. 48222 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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